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ABSTRACT

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This M.M. Thesis demonstrates three important sources of bass trombone solo literature: extant works originally for the bass trombone, transcriptions, and new commissions. Samuel Adler's Canto II is an important part of the bass trombone's solo repertoire. By performing Schumann's Phantasiestücke on bass trombone, its original functional intent is realized. Of special notice is the work composed specifically for this performance by Scott Steele. New works will continue to expand the currently limited solo bass trombone repertoire.

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PROGRAM

Canto II.....Samuel Adler
Moderately fast (1928-)
Quite fast
Slowly
Fast and happy

Phantasiestücke Op. 73.....Robert Schumann
Zart und mit Ausdruck (1810-1856)
Lebhaft, leicht
Rasch und mit Feuer

Caye An Muldowney, piano

Untitled work for bass trombone and percussion.....Scott Steele
(Working title: "Death by Chocolate") (1989-)

Michael Culligan, percussion